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Report Highlights: For 2002 a significant decline in Greek peach output due to unfavorable weather will result in a strong recovery of Italian canned peach production. Italian canned pear and mixture outputs are forecast to remain stable in 2002, as Italian pear production was slightly over the previous year's level.

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As there are no official statistics available for Italian production of deciduous canned fruit, our figures come from the Italian Agency for Agricultural Subsidies, AGEA. This Agency provides statistics on peaches and pears for which growers claim subsidies and canned production. Before 2001 it was the Ministry of Agriculture itself which provided this information.

There was a significant change in the yielding rate (fresh fruit/canned products) this year, 2001/02. This change reflects the implementation of the new European Union regime for canned fruit. According to the new system a single subsidy is paid directly to farmers as follows:

47.70 euros/ton for peaches.

130.68 euros/ton for pears.

Before the reform, a minimum price was paid to growers and a processing subsidy was paid to processors. Subsidies were claimed by processors.

Figures on Italian canned mixture production are estimated based on deliveries of Italian peaches and pears to processor. A significant share of Italian fruit mixtures is produced using imported fruits from EU and extra-EU countries. For example, pineapple must be sourced from extra-EU countries, while peaches are sourced largely from Greece.

According to final data provided by AGEA for 2001/02, there has been a drop in canned peach production, a strong increase in canned pear output, and higher production of canned mixtures.

The decline in Italian canned peach output is only due to strong competition from Greece while Italian stocks remain large. Greek peaches are imported in bulk and repackaged under Italian brands.

For 2002 a significant decline in Greek peach output due to unfavorable weather will result in a strong recovery of Italian canned peach production. In fact Italian peach output was quite regular in 2002 but Italian canned peach exports are forecast to increase significantly in 2002/03 to take advantage of softer competition from Greece.

Italian canned pear and mixture outputs are forecast to remain stable in 2002, as Italian pear production was slightly over the previous year's level.

Italian exports of canned pears and mixtures in 2002/03 are also forecast to remain stable. However these Italian exports will benefit from a drop in Greek canned fruit exports.

PSD TABLES

PSD Table						
Country	Italy					
Commodity	Canned Pears				(MT)(MT, Net Weight)	
	Revised	2000	Preliminary	2001	Forecast	2002
	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New
Market Year Begin		06/2000		06/2001		06/2002
Deliv. To Processors	32000	27000	30000	51300	0	50000
Beginning Stocks	16000	16000	6000	0	1000	1500
Production	36000	30000	34000	46500	0	46000
Imports	2000	2000	4000	1000	0	1000
TOTAL SUPPLY	54000	48000	44000	47500	1000	48500
Exports	39000	39000	35000	38000	0	39000
Domestic Consumption	9000	9000	8000	8000	0	7000
Ending Stocks	6000	0	1000	1500	0	2500
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	54000	48000	44000	47500	0	48500

PSD Table						
Country	Italy					
Commodity	Canned Peaches				(MT)(MT, Net Weight)	
	Revised	2000	Preliminary	2001	Forecast	2002
	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New
Market Year Begin		06/2000		06/2001		06/2002
Deliv. To Processors	25500	25500	21000	19500		25000
Beginning Stocks	11500	11500	20000	20000	20000	13000
Production	26500	26500	22000	17000	0	21000
Imports	25000	25000	20000	20000	0	15000
TOTAL SUPPLY	63000	63000	62000	57000	20000	49000
Exports	32000	32000	32000	34000	0	37000
Domestic Consumption	11000	11000	10000	10000	0	9500
Ending Stocks	20000	20000	20000	13000	0	2500
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	63000	63000	62000	57000	0	49000

PSD Table						
Country	Italy					
Commodity	Canned Mixtures				(MT)(MT, Net Weight)	
	Revised	1999	Preliminary	2000	Forecast	2001
	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New
Market Year Begin		06/1999		06/2000		06/2001
Deliv. To Processors	70000	70000	62000	62000	62000	62000
Beginning Stocks	0	0	6500	6500	1500	1500
Production	78000	78000	66000	66000	66000	66000
Imports	3000	3000	3000	3000	5000	5000
TOTAL SUPPLY	81000	81000	75500	75500	72500	72500
Exports	67000	67000	67000	67000	65000	65000
Domestic Consumption	7500	7500	7000	7000	7000	7000
Ending Stocks	6500	6500	1500	1500	500	500
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	81000	81000	75500	75500	72500	72500